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1. Introduction:

Today, in this information society, free flow of information is a basic principle for bridging the knowledge gaps between information rich and information poor community. The participation of University Knowledge Resource Centre in INFLIBNET Open Access Initiatives is a crucial step towards promoting open access to scholarly resource and fostering collaboration among Universities. University Library is a central hub for accessing and disseminating academic knowledge within a University. By actively participating in INFLIBNET Open Access Initiatives, University Library aims to facilitate the sharing of research outputs, academic resources, and knowledge across institutions.

INFLIBNET, which stands for Information and Library Network Centre, is an autonomous Inter-University Centre under the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India. It is responsible for maintaining and promoting library and information resources among Indian Universities. One of the key initiatives of INFLIBNET is its Open Access Repository (OAR). This repository provides a platform for Universities to deposit and share research publication, theses, conference paper, and other scholarly outputs openly and freely. The Participation of University Library in INFLIBNET Open Access Initiatives enables researchers, scholars, and students within the University to contribute to the repository and access resources from other institutions. This collaboration strengthens the knowledge-sharing culture within the University and enhances the visibility of its research outputs at a national level. Moreover, by making scholarly resources freely available through the OAR, University Libraries contributes to the open access movement, which aims to remove financial barriers to accessing and using academic knowledge. The INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network) established to Support the University library Network in India. It introduced various open access initiatives. Shodhganga, Shodhgangotri. Shodhsindhu and such many Initiatives enhanced Higher education system in India. Following are some open access Initiatives of INFLIBNET.(www.inflibnet.ac.in)

1.1 SHODHGANGA:

The shodhganga initiative is to facilitate Open access to Indian theses to the academic Community world-wide. The INFLIBNET centre is maintain electronic theses and dissertations.

1.2 Shodhshuddhi:

Under this initiative, a web based plagiarism detection software system is provided to all users of Universities.

1.3 Shodhgangotri:

Research scholars / Research supervisors in Universities are requested to deposit an electronic version of the approved synopsis submitted by research scholars to the Universities.

1.4 Indcat

Online union Catalogues of INDIAN UNIVERSITIES INDCAT is the development of Union Databases of various library resources.

1.5 N-LIST

National Library and information services infrastructure for scholarly content N-List is access to e-resources to colleges.

1.6 Infoport

Infoport also called as INFLIBNET Subject gateway for Indian Electronic Resources launched in 2012. Infoport is to the academic community a gateway to all Indian scholarly content over the internet. Infoport is for Indian Electronic Resources to help the academic Community to all Indian Scholar over the Internet.

The centre collaborates with librarians and Scholars in College and Universities to promote Open access resources.

1.7 OJAS - Open Journal Access System

OJAS is the opportunity for faculty and researchers to Publish in open Access

Open Access enables global platform for research & Collaboration the information flow among all Countries. The study is to review the Comparative study of KRC universities of Maharashtra & Gujarat in open Access Initiatives of INFLIBNET.

2. Statement of the problem

The statement of the Problem is, **"Participation of University Libraries of Maharashtra & Gujarat States in INFLIBNET open access Initiatives: A Comparative Study"**

3. Explanation of Keywords.

3.1 Participation:

"The fact that you takes part or become involved in something." (cambridge.org, 2023)

3.2 University Libraries:

A University Library is a Library or group of libraries established, maintained and managed by a University to meet the needs of its students and academic staff. Librarians identify faculty and student needs, as well as the mission and academic programs of the college or University to collections.

3.3 MAHARASHTRA:

Maharashtra is the second most populous state in India total area is 307,713 Km^2.

3.4 GUJARAT:

Gujarat is a state on the west coast of India it is the fifth largest Indian state by area.

3.5 INFLIBNET:

Information and Library network is a inter University center of University Grants commission of India. It became an independent Inter University centers on 16th may 1996. INFLIBNET is set out to be a major players in promoting scholarly communication among academicians and researchers in India. (www.inflibnet.ac.in)

3.6 Open Access

Free availability on the internet to read, download, Copy, Print, Search or link to the full texts without financial, legal or technical barriers. (PLANNER, 2008).

3.7 Initiatives:

The ability to assess and Initiate things independently (oxford, 2020.)

- Comparative studies are based on factor that are similar or different (Merriam- Webster, 2023).

3.8 Open Access Initiatives:

The Universal access to knowledge and information in the network and digital libraries. The Initiatives taken by the INFLIBNET Centre for initiating Electronic Theses. Open access basically calls for scholarly Publications to be made freely available to libraries and end users. (inflibnet.ac.in)

4) Objectives of the study

1. To review Present status of university Libraries of Maharashtra and Gujarat.
2. To study INFLIBNET & its activities
3. To know Open Access Initiatives of INFLIBNET
4. To examine Participation of University Libraries of Maharashtra and Gujarat in open Access Initiative of INFLIBNET-
5. To suggest Policy to enhance open Access Initiatives of INFLIBNET in Maharashtra and Gujarat University.
6. To compare the participation of University Libraries in open Access Initiatives of Maharashtra & Gujarat.

5) Hypothesis

1. INFLIBNET Centre, runs many programs & activities for the development of Libraries.
2. Present status of university of Maharashtra and Gujarat is Satisfactory.
3. There are different open Access initiatives of INFLIBNET.
4. Comparative study of Maharashtra & Gujarat University Libraries have actives Participation in Open Access.
5. University Libraries from Maharashtra have more active Participation in INFLIBNET open Access Initiatives.
6. INFLIBNET centre in support to library Professionals.

6) Literature Search

A literatures review as a comprehensive Summery of Previous research on a topic. Maharashtra & Gujarat two states are developing states of India

N.K. Sheeja (2019). Open Access initiatives of INFLIBNET: An analytical study. In this Research paper, this study aims to investigate open Access Initiatives of the Information and Library Network open Access is used across the globe to scholarly literature with the free access to them.

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Khakre (2020) open Access Initiatives in India with special Reference to INFLIBNET IJAAR. In this Research Papers Authors explained open access journal Initiatives in India open access trainings and role of librations for open Access.

Panda, Saroj Kumar (2016) Open access initiatives and its impact on scientific communities: A review of INFLIBNET Center. In this research papers, Authors is discusses on different open access Initiatives taken by the INFLIBNET center in the scholarly and scientific communities in the country.

7) Research Methodology, tool method research method, style, manual.

7.1 Research methodology.

Research methodology Consist different steps Such as identification of research method for proposed method tools.

7.2 Research method:

Method of Research as consider as a way to complete research methods of technique to test the Hypothesis.

The researcher will use descriptive research Method for present study.

To collect the data research will find out open access initiative in INFLIBNET Centre.

Record Book, Thesis, serial control of knowledge Resource Centre of Maharashtra & Gujarat University.

7.3 Tools of data Collection:

The data will be collected from the university knowledge resources centre of Maharashtra & Gujarat INFLIBNET centre through websites, online Internet. Journal, Interview & questionnaire whenever neccesicary.

7.4 style of manual

"Researches will APA style manual for writing thesis references.

8) Significance of the study

To enhance use of ICT in Higher education INFLIBNET through its various Programme to research. This study is helpful to research Scholars users. It is helpful to publication barriers. Various INFLIBNET Programme gives researchers to further study and easy to search. "Information on Shodhganga, Shodhgangotri, shodhsindhu, OJAS, INFOPORT to dissemination of research literature. Prevent study is identify. Selection of resources e-PG Pathshala to support research Out Put from Universities. To help Preserve digital Knowledge, resources to universal access. This research will help open access educational initiatives.

9) Scope and Limitations.

The scope of this study is to compare the open Access Initiative of INFLIBNET of Maharashtra & Gujarat. This present study in identify the INFLIBNET Initiatives of knowledge Resource centre of Maharashtra & Gujarat state. "The study will be limited to the KRC of Maharashtra & Gujarat state, University, central University, deemed University of INFLIBNET.The study will be limited to the Universities of Maharashtra and Gujarat up to 30.04.2024.

10. Proposed work plan with tentative Chapter Scheme.

The Complete study divided in to Chapter

Chapter 1: Introduction: This chapter deals with statement of Problem, explanations of Keywords, objectives Hypothesis, Scopes and limitations, research methodology tool method.

Chapter 2: Review of Literature

Chapter 3: INFLIBNET & University of Maharashtra & Gujarat knowledge Resource centre.

Chapter 4: Data Analysis and presentation

Chapter 5: Conclusion & Suggestion

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